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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 62.4 degrees, 6.8 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 9, 2005. Precipitation averaged 0.70 inches, 0.04 inches below normal. There were 92 modified growing degree days during the week, which is 27 degree days below normal for this week.

Reporters rated 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 7, 2005. Days suitable for field work were up 1.9 days from last week, but down 0.8 days from last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 average, the current week is up 0.7 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2005	6.0	4.1	140.4
2004	6.8	6.3	121.0
2000-2004 Average	5.3	4.5	118.9

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	3	20	73	4
Last Week	2	14	67	17
Same Week Last Year	7	28	62	3
2000-2004 Average	6	17	64	13

### CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2005

Reporters estimate that 100 percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves, which is 11 days ahead of last year and the five-year average. Soybeans mature is at 96 percent, which is 18 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the five-year average. Fifty-four percent of the soybeans are reported as harvested, which is the same as last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Reporters estimate that 87 percent

of the **corn** is at the mature stage, which is 1 day ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn harvested for grain is at 14 percent, this is 4 days behind last year and 2 days behind the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 48 percent planted, which is the same as last year and 1 day ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged is at 5 percent which is 3 days behind last year and 2 days behind the five-year average. Sixty-two percent of fall and winter **apples** are reported as harvested, which is identical to last year, but 2 days behind the five-year average. **Potatoes** are 87 percent harvested, which is 3 weeks behind last year and 7 days behind the five-year average. **Grapes** are 61 percent harvested which is 5 days ahead of last year, but 5 days behind the five-year average.

Crop weather reporters estimate that the fourth **alfalfa hay** cutting is 79 percent complete; this is 6 days ahead of last year, and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. The third cutting of **other hay** is estimated to be 90 percent harvested which is 8 days ahead of last year, but the same as the five-year average.

The major activity for the week has been the corn and soybean harvest. Farmers in the N.W. have increased planting acres of wheat, because of high prices being received for wheat compared to corn and soybeans. Some operators are concerned about drying costs and are waiting for standing corn to dry down in the field before initiating the corn for grain harvest. Other farm activities for the week included: top dressing of wheat and alfalfa fields, fall tillage, spreading fertilizer and lime, cutting hay, chopping corn, and hauling calves.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Fifty-one percent of hay acreage is rated in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 6 percentage points from last week. Forty-four percent of pasture conditions are rated good-to-excellent, up 6 percentage points from last week. Livestock conditions are rated at 80 percent in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 3 percentage points from last month. Corn is reported at 49 percent in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 2 percentage points from last week. Fifty-nine percent of soybean acreage is in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 3 percentage points from last week. Reporters are seeing many flies associated with livestock, however most cattle are in good shape.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	79	72	76	71	NA
Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)	62	63	66	44	NA
Corn Mature	87	86	80	79	90
Corn Harvested for grain	14	23	16	7	26
Grapes Harvested	61	54	72	58	NA
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	90	85	90	84	NA
Potatoes Harvested	87	94	94	77	NA
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	100	92	95	97	93
Soybeans Mature	96	77	81	72	NA
Soybeans Harvested	54	58	45	19	36
Winter Wheat Planted	48	53	47	10	54
Winter Wheat Emerged	5	8	8	1	25

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	12	35	40	9
Previous Week	5	13	35	36	11
Previous Year	3	7	19	46	25
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	14	31	43	8
Previous Week	5	15	35	37	8
Previous Year	4	10	29	43	14
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	17	62	18
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	2	15	64	18
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	6	14	36	38	6
Previous Week	7	16	39	32	6
Previous Year	2	8	29	48	13
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	32	47	12
Previous Week	2	10	32	43	13
Previous Year	4	8	20	43	25

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	62.3	7.4	0.08	-0.70	19.34	-2.39	97	36	3313	345
North Central	62.3	7.2	1.10	0.33	25.56	3.08	91	32	3276	353
Northeast	61.3	7.2	0.90	0.00	25.21	1.34	84	29	3085	332
West Central	62.3	6.6	0.30	-0.51	22.59	-0.71	93	28	3404	310
Central	62.6	6.5	0.63	-0.09	22.58	-1.11	92	24	3429	302
Central Hills	61.7	7.1	1.26	0.53	24.68	0.87	86	26	3229	330
Northeast Hills	61.7	6.8	1.10	0.40	22.76	-0.87	86	25	3221	282
Southwest	62.9	6.0	0.28	-0.51	20.65	-3.98	94	22	3537	271
South Central	63.5	6.5	0.88	0.29	20.08	-3.28	97	22	3612	304
Southeast	63.1	7.3	0.92	0.25	21.07	-2.60	94	26	3412	300
STATE	62.4	6.8	0.70	-0.04	22.18	-1.23	92	27	3366	312

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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